Salvage of paddy sacks.

387. *MR. T. P. VELAYUDHAN PILLAI (*Tiruvalla III*): Will the Government be pleased to state:

(*a*) the number of sacks of rice and paddy salvaged in the Travancore ports in 1106, 1107 and 1108 respectively;

(*b*) whether the respective Port Conservators have issued salvage certificates to the Shipping Agents.

(*c*) whether the steamers in which these sacks of rice and paddy were imported into the State are covered by any insurance;

(*d*) whether the Government are aware that this identical question was sent by me on 28-2-1109; and

(*e*) if the answer to part (*d*) is in the affirmative, the action taken in the matter?

MR. T. C. THOMMEN (*Ag. Secretary to Government*): (*a*) A statement containing the information required by the member is placed on the table.

(*b*) Yes.

(*c*) Yes.

(*d*) Yes.

(*e*) Information was collected on the points contained in the interpellation; but by the time it could be answered, the November Session of the Assembly was over.

Road Boards.

388. *MR. T. P. VELAYUDHAN PILLAI (*Tiruvalla III*): Will the Government be pleased to state;

(*a*) the reasons which prompted them to constitute the Road Boards in Travancore; and

(*b*) the reasons for abolishing them?

MR. G. B. E. TRUSCOTT (*Chief Engineer*): (*a*) The member is referred to G. O. No. R. Dis. 132/30/P. W., dated 24-1-1930, a †copy of which is laid on the table.

(*b*) The Road Boards have not been abolished. They have only been temporarily suspended as the recommendations made by the Boards during the time were functioning have provided enough work to be carried out for some years to come. The question of reviving the Boards is under the consideration of Government.

The Kollakadavu bridge.

389. *MR. T. P. VELAYUDHAN PILLAI (*Tiruvalla III*): With regard to the Kollakadavu bridge on the Chenganur—Mavelikara road, will the Government be pleased to state whether steps have been taken by the Public Works Department regarding the construction of the bridge, and if so, what and when?

MR. G. B. E. TRUSCOTT (*Chief Engineer*): Yes. The estimate received from the Division Officer is under scrutiny by the Chief Engineer.

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* Vide Appendix XII

† Vide Appendix XIII

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